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SUBJECT: ITF CONGRESS: CHILEAN DELEGATES WILL NOT BE SEATED

REF: (A) STATE 170868; (B) STOCKHOLM 3431

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ON AUGUST 9, MEMBERS OF THE ITF
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A DRAFT DECISION
ON CREDENTIALS TO BE ISSUED ON AUGUST 12 WHICH WILL PRO-
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HIBIT PARTICIPATION BY ANY CHILEAN DELEGATES AT THE ITF

CONGRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 9 THE EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE WAS SHOWN A COPY OF A DRAFT DECISION BY THE ITF EXECUTIVE ON CREDENTIALS WHICH WILL PROHIBIT CHILEAN PARTICIPATION IN THE ITF CONGRESS. THE DECISION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY ALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDING US REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMMITTEE. THE DECISION STATES IN PART THAT BECAUSE "THEY COULD NOT SPEAK FREELY AND WOULD RUN THE RISK OF REPRISALS WHEN THEY RETURN TO CHILE" THE ITF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED THAT NO CHILEAN TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONGRESS.

3. SOME MEMBERS OF THE USDEL HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL NATURE OF THE DECISION WHICH COULD SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR THE FUTURE. NEVERTHELESS, A RUMOR NOW BEING WIDELY CIRCULATED AT THE CONGRESS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CHILEAN DELEGATES HAVE BEEN FINANCED BY THE GOC, PLACES SEVERE LIMITATIONS ON THE CAPACITY OF THE USDEL TO ACT ON THE CREDENTIALS ISSUE.

4. THUS FAR ONLY TWO CHILEAN UNIONS, FEDA AND LAN CHILE, HAVE PAID THEIR BACK DUES. WE WERE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED THAT THE ENTIRE CHILEAN DELEGATION HAD BEEN DETERMINED TO BE IN GOOD STANDING (REFTEL). THIS INFORMATION PRECEDED DRAFT DECISION ON CREDENTIALS AND WAS PROBABLY BASED ON THE EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING KUES PAYMENTS FROM THE CHILEANS DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE ITW WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY ADDITIONAL DUES PAYMENTS FROM THE CHILEANS. THE LABOR ATTACHE WAS SHOWN ITF RECORDS AUG. 9 WHICH INDICATE THAT THE CHILEAN MARITIME WORKERS UNION (COMACH) HAS NOT PAID DUES TO THE ITF SINCE 1967. ACCORDING TO A SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, ACCEPTING A COMACH DUES PAYMENT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD ONLY ADD FUEL TO THE CHILEAN FIRE WHICH HAS ALREADY REACHED BLAZE PROPORTIONS AT THE ITF CONGRESS.

5. IT IS QUITE APPARENT THAT THE ITF SECRETARIAT IS
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SEEKING TO PREVENT ANY CHILEAN DELEGATE FROM ADDRESSING THE CONGRESS IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED BOYCOTT RESOLUTION WHICH SOME OF THE CHILEANS HAVE CANDIDLY ADMITTED THEY WILL DO IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY.

6. MEANWHILE THE SWEDISH PRESS IS SPECULATING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ITF BOYCOTT. ON AUGUST 8 THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DAILY AFTONBLADET CARRIED AN ARTICLE WHICH STATED THAT

IT WOULD BE "EXTREMELY GOOD IF THE ITF COULD OVERTHROW
THE JUNTA IN CHILE," BUT SUGGESTED THAT THE BOYCOTT WILL
BE INEFFECTIVE BECAUSE US UNIONS WILL REFUSE TO PARTICI-
PATE IN THE BOYCOTT. ACCORDING TO AFTONBLADET THE
AMERICAN UNIONS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE BECAUSE "THEY
TRADITIONALLY SUPPORT THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER
APPARATUS IN THE US WHICH IN TURN SUPPORTS THE CHILEAN
JUNTA."

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